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SUBJECT: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS ASEAN REQUEST FOR
COMMODITY SUPPORT FUND

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1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SUPPORT
FUND FOR ASEAN EXPORT EARNINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF (MIYAMOTO, FOREIGN MINISTRY ASIAN REGIONAL AFFAIRS
DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR) ACKNOWLEDGED JUNE 29 THAT IN RESPONSE TO
AN ASEAN INITIATIVE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT NOW IS ACTIVELY
CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND TO PROTECT ASEAN'S
EXPORT EARNINGS. ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MENTIONED A
POSSIBLE TOTAL OF DOLS 300 MILLION FOR SUCH A FUND. AT THE
MOMENT, HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH A FUND, THE PRODUCTS WHICH
MIGHT BE COVERED, AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE FUND WOULD
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MAKE GOOD EARNINGS SHORTFALLS, REMAIN IN AN INCONCLUSIVE
STAGE OF DISCUSSION AMONG INTERESTED JAPANESE MINISTRIES.
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, MIYAMOTO SAID,
IS OPPOSED TO SUCH A FUND. FOR THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
TO GO AHEAD WITH SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, HE CONTINUED,
THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A POLITICAL
DECISION, IN ESSENCE OVERRIDING THE MINISTRY'S

OBJECTIONS. THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HE ADDED, IS COORDINATING JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DELIBERATIONS ON THE PROPOSED FUND.

3. MIYAMOTO ADDED THAT IN HIS VIEW A POLITICAL DECISION MIGHT BE REACHED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE FUND. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR, HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PRESUMABLY MAKE AT KUALA LUMPUR ONLY A GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT VOID OF NUMBERS OR OTHER PARTICULARS. THE PROPOSED ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS MAY RECEIVE THE SAME TREATMENT (REFTEL). IN ANY EVENT, FUKUDA'S CONCRETE PROMISES, MIYAMOTO MAINTAINED, WILL BE COMPARATIVELY SMALL.

4. FUKUDA VISITS TO SEPARATE COUNTRIES FOLLOWING SUMMIT, MIYAMOTO SAID, HAVE BEEN SET TENTATIVELY AS FOLLOWS: ARRIVE RANGOON AUGUST 10, ARRIVE JAKARTA AUGUST 12 (SOME SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR INDONESIA SCHEDULE), ARRIVE SINGAPORE AUGUST 14, ARRIVE BANGKOK AUGUST 15, ARRIVE MANILA AUGUST 17 (ALL AFTERNOON ARRIVALS), RETURN TOKYO EVENING AUGUST 18.

5. DATE OF FUKUDA'S TRAVEL TO KUALA LUMPUR STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION. JAPANESE HOPE ARRIVAL LATER THAN SCHEDULED AUGUST 6 DATE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE IN VIEW PRIME MINISTER'S HEAVY SCHEDULE.
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6. IN ADDITION TO MANY GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETINGS PREPARATORY TO SUMMIT, ABOUT TEN JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS NOW ARE REPORTED SCHEDULED VISIT JAKARTA BETWEEN JULY 17 AND JULY 20 TO CONFER WITH ASEAN COUNTERPARTS AT THIS YEARS' FOURTH ANNUAL "SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S MEETING."

7. COMMENT: JAPANESE FUND FOR PROTECTION OF ASEAN EXPORT EARNINGS HAS BEEN PROPOSED BEFORE BUT RECENTLY THIS SCHEME HAD SEEMED DORMANT. FACT OF ITS BEING CURRENTLY CONSIDERED APPEARS REFLECT BOTH JAPANESE SENSE OF ASEAN PRESSURE TO PRODUCE SOME SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSION AND DIFFICULTY OF FINDING SUITABLE, PRACTICAL AND ADEQUATE OFFERING FOR PRESENTATION. DETAILS ON HOW JAPANESE OFFICIALDOM ENVISAGES PROPOSED FUND WILL BE PASSED ON AS THEY EMERGE.
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